

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Board Meeting Minutes
Professional Licensing Boards
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 - 9:30 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine met on Wednesday, April 18, 2018. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Dr. John Sundstrom, Chair
Dr. Edsel Davis, Vice Chair
Dr. Larry Corry, Board Member
Dr. Henry Bohn, Board Member
Dr. Becky Malphus, Board Member

Staff Present

Ms. Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Ms. Michelle Foster, Board Support Specialist
Ms. Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor

Attorney General's Office

Betsy Cohen, Assistant Attorney General

Board Members Absent

Mr. Nic Haynes, Consumer Member

Visitors Present

Scott Piper, Associate Director, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)
Dr. Keith Harris, DVM, Head, Department of Pathology, UGA College of Veterinary Medicine
Dr. Doris Miller, DVM, Department of Pathology, UGA College of Veterinary Medicine
Dr. Michelle Barton, DVM, Director Clinical Academic Affairs, UGA College of Veterinary Medicine
James Penrod, Executive Director, AAVSB
Chrissy Bagby, Director of Marketing and Technology, AAVSB
Michael Wilson
Hannah Newman

Call to Order: Dr. Sundstrom established a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda The Board accepted the agenda as presented.

Open Session Board Minutes

1. February 14, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the February 14, 2018 open session Board meeting minutes as presented.

2. April 17, 2018 Investigative Committee Meeting Minutes

Dr. Bohn motioned, Mr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the April 17, 2018 investigative committee meeting minutes as presented.

Licenses to Ratify – February 7, 2018 – April 11, 2018

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Malphus seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to ratify the licenses by application and by reinstatement that were issued in accordance with Board Rules and Policies, between board meetings.

Correspondence – Georgia Board of Pharmacy Response to Dr. Cobb

The Board accepts the correspondence in reference to the Georgia Board of Pharmacy Response to Dr. Cobb as information.

Correspondence – Use of Cannibidiol in Elderly Dogs with Chronic Pain – Dr. Mike Knight, DVM

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer the correspondence to the Georgia Board of Pharmacy and to the Attorney General's Office for a Memorandum of Advice regarding the scope of practice.

Correspondence – StateReporting, LLC – CE Reporting Monitoring Service – Timmothy Bell

Dr. Bohn motioned to request a short presentation and there was no second, and the motion died on the floor.

Correspondence – inLumon – Nick Aliberti

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Malphus seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer the correspondence to the Office of Secretary of State for consideration.

Discussion – CE Provider Application – Dr. Christian Brown

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the CE provider application. The course provider must submit the application, not the student.

Discussion – Licenses for New DVM Graduates: Evidence of a DVM Degree

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a Memorandum of Authority to review the statutes and rules to ensure there are no statutory restrictions related to the implementation of electronic submission of graduation data from Board approved veterinary or veterinary technician schools.

Discussion – International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA) FYI

1. ICVA Newsletter March 2018
2. Board Member Nomination Information – Two At Large Positions

The Board accepts the correspondence from ICVA as information.

Betsy Cohen joined the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Discussion – American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB)

1. Call for Resolutions
2. Call for Volunteers
3. Member Outreach Initiative – GA

The Board accepts the correspondence from AAVSB as information.

Guest Speaker – AAVSB Outreach Team Visit – James (Jim) Penrod, Executive Director

Mr. Penrod presented the Board with information regarding AAVSB services for member boards.

Discussion – Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA) Standards Accreditation Feedback Request

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to appoint Dr. Malphus to take the CVTEA Standards Accreditation survey on behalf of the Board.

Executive Director’s Report – A. Price

Executive Director’s report presented the Board with statistical data relevant to the processing of applications, the number of licensees, and complaints/compliance matters to include the number of Continuing Education applications pending, approved and denied. Ms. Price informed the Board that the funding for the Veterinary Technician seat is still available and a third notification has been sent to the Governor’s Office, but it is possible that an appointment may not be made until after the upcoming gubernatorial election. She then gave an update on the status of the pre-filed bills and resolutions of the Georgia General Assembly that have the potential to affect the business of the Board.

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Executive Director’s report as presented.

Board Chair’s Report – J. Sundstrom, DVM

No report provided.

Miscellaneous Discussions

1. Impairment in Professionals

Mr. Piper queried the Board concerning the process for impairment cases. Ms. Cohen stated that the Board investigates complaint cases and if impairment is suspected, the Board can order the licensee to complete a Medical and Physical Evaluation from a list of Board approved providers.

Dr. Malphus made a motion, Dr. Bohn seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(h)(2) and 43-1-2(k) to deliberate on enforcement matters and to receive information on investigative reports and the Assistant Attorney General’s report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included: Dr. Sundstrom, Dr. Malphus, Dr. Bohn and Dr. Corry.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, Dr. Sundstrom declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during executive session.

OPEN SESSION

Executive Session Board Minutes

1. February 14, 2018 Executive Session Board Meeting Minutes

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Malphus seconded and the board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the February 14, 2018 executive session Board meeting minutes as presented.

2. April 17, 2018 Investigative Committee Executive Session Minutes

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Malphus seconded and the board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the April 17, 2018 executive investigative committee minutes as presented.

Bridge Training – Investigative Material

The Board and staff received training on new software systems for the review of confidential information relevant to Applications and the Attorney General’s, Cognizant, and Investigative Reports.

Attorney General’s Report – B. Cohen

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Attorney General’s report as presented.

Dr. Davis joined the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Investigative Committee Report – E. Davis and B. Malphus

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session.

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| VET180048 | Refer to Attorney General’s Office for a Public Consent Order to include probation to run concurrent with criminal probation with terms and conditions to include quarterly personal and employer reports, and reports of any positive drug screens . Must inform the Board of any changes in employment or revocation of criminal probation, may petition to terminate probation after submitting proof of completion of criminal probation. |
| VET150023 | Close the case, with no action. |
| VET170034 | Close the case, with no action. |
| VET180020 | Close the case, with no action. |
| VET180047 | Close the case, with no action. |
| VET180052 | Close the case, with no action. |
| VET180053 | Schedule an Investigative Interview. |
| VET180055 | Refer to Investigations to obtain evidence as directed. |
| VET180056 | Refer to Investigations to obtain evidence as directed. |

Miscellaneous Executive Discussion

1. **VET180054** Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the CE application based on no evidence that a licensed practitioner is teaching the course.

Applications for Board Review

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session.

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| Application 2629409 | Issue the license. |
| Application 2706864 | Issue the license. |
| Application 2716713 | Notify the applicant to cause the employer to submit a statement clarifying the applicant’s position to include detailed work experience. |
| Application 2721733 | Require OMPE for consideration of licensure. Provider must be approved by the Board. |

Reinstatements

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session.

- Application 2654312** Rescind the previous motion and refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for Reinstatement of Licensure with a fine of \$400 for unlicensed practice from January 1, 2015 to January 6, 2017. Continuing education hours submitted for reinstatement cannot be used for the upcoming renewal period.
- Application 2715049** Table to obtain proof of terms of criminal probation. Once obtained, refer to Attorney General's Office for a Private Consent Order for Reinstatement of Licensure with a fine of \$300 for unlicensed practice for January 1, 2017 – January 30, 2018. Probation to run concurrent with criminal probation. Licensee must petition to terminate probation upon proof of completion of criminal probation. Continuing education hours submitted for reinstatement cannot be used for the upcoming renewal period.
- Application 2715886** Request documentation of sobriety and attendance in structured aftercare programs. If no documentation, require OMPE for Board consideration. Depending on outcome of results, the applicant may be required to proof of passing NAVLE or ICVA Species Specific Exam to be eligible for licensure.
- Application 2719688** Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for Reinstatement of Licensure for unlicensed practice from January 1, 2017 – February 21, 2018 with a fine of \$300. Continuing education hours submitted for reinstatement cannot be used for the upcoming renewal period.
- Application 2723349** Issue the license.

Transcript Review

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Malphus seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session.

- Application 2724106** Approve transcript and issue license.
Application 2726514 Approve transcript and issue license.

Adjournment No further business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Foster, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: 06/20/2018

JOHN SUNDSTROM, DVM
BOARD CHAIRPERSON

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR